

Gemaehlichs celebrate 60th wedding anniversary on Saturday



Duane and Pat Gemaehlich will be celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 9 at the Grande Ronde Retirement Residence, 1809 Gekeler Lane, La Grande. Friends are invited to stop by the Friendship Room on Saturday for cake and punch. No gifts, please. The anniversary celebration will be hosted by their daughters: Scottie Butcher, Lori Grimes and Lisa Johnson. Duane and Pat live in La Grande and have nine grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.



Courtesy photos

— OBITUARIES —

Velma L. Johnson

La Grande

Velma L. Johnson, 92, of La Grande, died Nov. 3 at her residence. An obituary is forthcoming. Loveland Funeral Chapel & Crematory will be handling the arrangements.

**UPCOMING FUNERALS AND VISITATIONS**  
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**Nov. 8**  
**Thomas Hiatt:**  
1-1:45 p.m. viewing, followed by 2 p.m. funeral, Loveland Funeral Chapel, La Grande.

**Nov. 9**  
**Wendy Cox**  
**Booth:** 12:30-1:45 p.m. viewing, followed by 2 p.m. funeral, La Grande First Christian Church.

**Nov. 12**  
**Phillip Mendiguren:**  
2 p.m. Rosary and Mass of Christian Burial, Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Church, La Grande.

LOCAL BRIEFING

From staff reports

Union school bond election ballots due at 8 p.m. Tuesday

UNION — Ballots for the Union School District's \$4 million bond mail election must be returned by 8 p.m. Nov. 5 in order to be counted. Ballots mailed today will not reach the Union County Clerk's office in time to be counted. Ballots thus must instead be deposited in drop boxes at Union City Hall, 342 S. Main St. or at the Union County Clerk's Office, 1001 Fourth St. in La Grande.

Funds from the bond would pay for major building renovations in the Union School District.

Local organization offers health insurance enrollment guidance

LA GRANDE — Local nonprofit Northeast Oregon Network will provide free help to people signing up for health insurance during the HealthCare.gov open enrollment period, which began Nov. 1 and will conclude Dec. 15. NEON serves residents of Baker, Union and Willowa counties with free health insurance application assistance services.

NEON staff have been trained and certified by the Oregon Health Insurance Marketplace, a division of the Department of Consumer and Business Services, and they will be holding enrollment events to help consumers with the process during open enrollment. Anyone with questions or interest in applying for

health insurance is welcome to attend the following events:

- La Grande, Nov. 6, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.: EOU Multicultural Center, Hoke Hall, second floor.
- Baker City, Nov. 12, 1 p.m. to 7 p.m.: Senior Center Conference Room, 2810 Cedar St.
- North Powder, Nov. 14, 1 p.m. to 7 p.m.: School Parent Teacher Conference Night, 333 N. G St.
- Union, Dec. 4, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.: Grande Ronde Hospital Union Clinic, 142 E. Dearborn St.

To make an appointment for enrollment assistance in Union or Baker counties, contact Teresa Aguilera at 541-624-5101 ext. 1 or Holly Sorensen at 541-624-5101 ext. 6. For assistance in Willowa County, contact Vixen Radford-Wecks at 541-398-2539.

UC Democrats discuss Walden's retirement

LA GRANDE — The Union County Democrats will meet at 6 p.m. Nov. 6 at Umpqua Bank, 1215 Adams Ave., La Grande, to discuss Walden's retirement and the 2020 election cycle.

Friends of Ladd Marsh plan membership meeting

LA GRANDE — Friends of Ladd Marsh will conduct its annual membership meeting Nov. 7 in the Community Room at Cook Memorial Library, 2006 Fourth St., La Grande. The agenda includes a slideshow of 2019 activities,

an update on the MAPS songbird banding station and a report on the organization's finances. New and renewal memberships will be available. Friends of Ladd Marsh merchandise, such as shirts, hats, binocular cleaning cloths and 2020 Ladd Marsh calendars, will be available for purchase. The meeting begins at 7 p.m. and is open to the public. More information can be found at www.friendsofladdmarsh.org.

Family Bingo Night open to all

LA GRANDE — The Central Elementary PTO is hosting a Family Bingo Night from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Nov. 7 at the school, 701 H. Ave., La Grande. Central families and the community are welcome to attend. In addition to the bingo games and prizes, here will be a bake sale, raffle and cake walk.

Family Fun Run honors veterans

LA GRANDE — Grande Ronde Academy's sixth annual Veterans Day Family Fun Run on Nov. 9 will include a 10K, 5K and 1-mile run/walk. The event honors veterans near and far, encourages healthy activity and promotes local community involvement, in addition to supporting Grande Ronde Academy. Pre-registration may be completed at www.granderondeacademy.org or on the day of the event. Veterans run for free. The cost for others is \$10-\$25.

For more information, call the school at 541-975-1147 or email contact@granderondeacademy.org.

UC Historical Society shares memories of veterans

LA GRANDE — The Union County Historical Society will have a meeting

and potluck beginning at noon Nov. 9 in the log cabin at the Union County Fairgrounds, 3604 N. Second St., La Grande. Members are invited to share memories of local veterans who have served our country.

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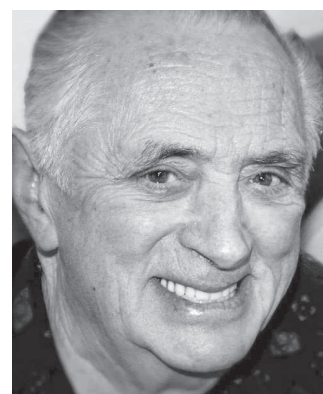
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Thomas "Tom" Glen Hiatt

September 4, 1936 - October 25, 2019



Thomas "Tom" Glen Hiatt, 83, of Island City, passed away on Friday, October 25, 2019 at Grande Ronde Hospital. A Viewing will be held at Loveland Funeral Chapel on Friday, November 8, 2019, 1:00-1:45pm followed by a Funeral Service at 2:00pm.

Tom was born on September 4, 1936 in La Grande, Oregon to Merlin and Arleta (Colt) Hiatt. He resided in La Grande and Island City. He also lived across the U.S. to Cary, NC and back over 70 different locations being transferred for various work projects. He graduated from La Grande High School in 1955 then attended Gonzaga University studying managerial skills and economics. He married his one true love, Marilyn Anne Westenberg on December 4, 1955.

Tom was employed with the Union Pacific Railroad, a lumber worker advancing to management with Boise Cascade and numerous other companies in the wood industry. He was an avid outdoorsman, hunting, fishing, camping, owned race horses and enjoyed spending time with family, especially grandsons and great grandchildren. Tom was a long-time member of the Elks and Eagles and was a board member of the Union County Senior Center. Tom received many different awards and acknowledgments for profitability and achievement at different mills. He also received various awards for shooting, including muzzle loader, volunteer work for the senior center or anyone who needed help. He physically worked harder than most, even after retirement.

Tom is survived by his children, Anthony R Hiatt (Gwen) of Baker City, OR and Tootie Anne Hiatt (Leon Lund) of Island City, OR; grandson's, Michael J Hiatt, Idaho and Andrew 'Wes' Craigmile (Whitney) of Madras, OR; companion, Carol Gunnells, of La Grande; sister, Merlarae Bonar of Newport, OR; brothers, Alvin Hiatt of La Grande, OR and Eldon Hiatt of Washington. He was preceded in death by his wife, Marilyn; parents, Merlin and Arleta and brother, Jerold Dewayne Hiatt.

Online condolences may be made to the family at www.lovelandfuneralchapel.com.

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PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT

UNION COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Arrested: Dustin John Mathis, 28, Elgin, was arrested on three warrants. The first warrant was for order to show cause why a release agreement should not be revoked. The first warrant was connected to original charges of first-degree burglary; first-degree theft, two counts; and felon in possession of a firearm. The second warrant was for an order to show cause why a release agreement should not be revoked. The second warrant was connected to original charges of second-degree burglary and second-degree theft. The third warrant was an Oregon State Parole Board warrant charging a parole violation. The third warrant was connected to an original charge of larceny.

Arrested: Jesse James Thomas O'Quinn, 23, unknown address, was arrested on a charge of criminal trespass.

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Arrested: Jason Michael Hill, 39, unknown address, was arrested on a charge of second-degree criminal mischief.

Arrested: Cherie Lynette Davis, 44, unknown address, was arrested on a charge of second-

degree disorderly conduct. Cited: A Union County juvenile was cited on a charge of driving under the influence of alcohol and being a minor in possession of alcohol.

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Arrested: Ryan Alan Nelson, 28, La Grande, was arrested on a parole and probation detainer and on a charge of possession of a controlled substance, methamphetamine.

LA GRANDE FIRE DEPARTMENT

Firefighters responded to four calls for medical assistance on Sunday, seven on Saturday and 12 on Friday.

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